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**TOOLS OF THE TRADE: TOOLS USED BY THE CORPS OF DISCOVERY**

ST. LOUIS, MO - The monthly Discovery Saturday Series commemorating the 200th Anniversary of the Lewis & Clark Expedition will continue free to the public on Saturday, August 14, 2004, from 12 Noon to 4 PM. A series of free programs will focus on the wide assortment of tools employed by the Corps of Discovery as they traversed the country to and from the Pacific Ocean. All the programs will be presented in the Museum of Westward Expansion located underneath the Gateway Arch.

**12:00 Noon Mapping the Trail** - Dan Lashley, from the Missouri Land Survey Program, will portray Private John B. Thompson, member of the Corps of Discovery and demonstrate surveying and mapping instruments used by William Clark to produce his many maps.

**1:00 PM Hand Tools of the Expedition** - Mike Stout, Staff Historian at the Hartford Illinois Lewis and Clark State Historic Site, will present a variety of carpentry, blacksmithing and special tools taken and used by the men throughout their journey.

**2:00 PM Meriwether Lewis's Medicine Chest** - Melania Stoeber, Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger, will present the medical aspects of the Expedition by examining the items found in Captain Lewis's 1803 Physician's Field Kit.

**3:00 PM Weapons of the Expedition** - Al Puknat, a member of the Discovery Expedition of St. Charles, will examine the various weapons used by the men to provide food and to protect themselves.

The Discovery Saturday Series is presented by the National Park Service on the second Saturday of each month focusing on a variety of themes related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition featuring guest speakers, demonstrations and hands-on activities for children and all adults.

The Museum of Westward Expansion and Gateway Arch are open daily 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the summer. The Old Courthouse is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. year-round. All ranger-led and special museum programs are FREE of charge. Fees are charged for the tram ride to the top of the Gateway Arch and for the films shown in the Gateway Arch visitor center. For additional information, call 314/655-1700 weekdays, or 7-1-1 Voice/TTY Telecommunications Relay Service.

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